

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 7

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102—Relative to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 102, Dickerson. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: firefighting professionals: fire season of 1999.

This measure would honor the dedicated firefighting professionals of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for their efforts during the “Fire Sieges of 1999.”

WHEREAS, During the fire season of 1999, the State of California experienced one of the worst fire sieges in its history; several firefighters' lives were lost, over 1,500 structures were destroyed, and 750,000 acres of wildlands in nearly every region of the state burned, from the Mexico border to the Oregon border, and from the coastal mountains to the Sierra Nevada mountains; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) took leadership in responding to 4,598 fires scorching over 246,000 acres, flying 23,000 sorties with airtankers and helicopters that delivered in excess of 12 million gallons of fire retardant, and working around the clock to staff 340 engines, 195 fire crews, and 65 bulldozers under the most difficult and dangerous conditions, including smoke, high temperatures, wind-driven flames, and steep, rugged terrain; and

WHEREAS, There were countless instances of unwavering commitment and selflessness by all firefighters, including instances where many CDF and volunteer firefighting personnel left their homes to join the statewide effort, knowing that their own families and property were at risk, and in some cases, that their own property was in fact destroyed; and

WHEREAS, CDF firefighting professionals, through valiant and well-coordinated efforts, minimized the devastation to life, property, and natural resources; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring*, That it is with great pride that the Legislature of the State of California honors the dedicated firefighting professionals of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for their efforts during the “Fire Sieges of 1999” that were truly beyond the call of duty; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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